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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: A. Mathews
Shuichi YABU)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2851
Application No.: 09/811,447)	
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Filed: March 20, 2001)	
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For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS, GAS REPLACING)	
METHOD, AND METHOD OF	:	
MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR)	
DEVICE	:	June 24, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:


In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before issuance of an Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		6,341,006	01/22/2002	Murayama et al.	355	53	
		5,892,572	04/6/1999	Nishi	355	67	
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		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		8-279458	10/22/1996	Japan			Y s
		7-176477	07/14/1995	Japan			Y s
		61-79228	04/22/1986	Japan			Y s
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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